



TASMANIA

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 13

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2024

(At 10:00 o'clock a.m.)

Notices of Motion tabled prior to 20 June are published in the Motion Paper.

Notices of Motion

26 Mr *Fairs* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that since coming to Government in 2014, the Tasmanian Liberal Government has:—
 - (a) employed more than 2,500 additional health workers, with a further 500 since the recruitment blitz began in April 2024;
 - (b) employed more than 1,000 full-time additional education staff, including 435 full time teachers; and
 - (c) increased police numbers by over 31 per cent, taking police numbers to the highest on record.
- (2) Further notes that the Tasmanian Liberal Government's continued investment in our frontline services has delivered more frontline workers than ever before in the State's history.
- (3) Recognises that under our '2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future,' the Rockliff Liberal Government will continue to invest in our frontline workforce by:—
 - (a) recruiting an additional 78 full-time paramedics;
 - (b) recruiting 10 state-employed GPs for a new GP rapid response team;
 - (c) recruiting an additional 60 full-time Police Officers;
 - (d) recruiting an additional twenty-five maths and science teachers;
 - (e) investing \$1.2m in more biosecurity officers;
 - (f) providing \$1.5 million to recruit additional field officers to support and train our fire and emergency services personnel.
- (4) Agrees that:—
 - (a) the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Dean Winter MP cannot be trusted to protect frontline workers, after promising \$2 billion in cuts at the election; and
 - (b) Tasmania cannot afford to go back to the dark old days when Labor sacked a nurse a day for nine months and sent 108 police officers to the welfare line. (30 July 2024)

27 Mr *Winter* to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises:—
 - (a) the significant shortage of housing in Tasmania and the negative impact this has on rental affordability and home ownership; and
 - (b) the vacant University of Tasmania (UTAS) land in Sandy Bay could provide nearly 2,000 new homes, close to existing infrastructure, public transport routes and community facilities such as schools.
- (2) Expresses its concern about:—
 - (a) the rapidly declining number of Year 11 and 12 STEM students in Tasmania;

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- (b) the programs being run by Victorian universities to poach Tasmania's top STEM students, which include flying students to Melbourne to view their superior STEM facilities;
 - (c) the inability of UTAS to fund a new, state of the art STEM facility, currently estimated to cost \$500 million, as a result of the Liberals' policy;
 - (d) the terrible signal the Liberals' policy sends to investors, by pulling the rug out from under a development process that has been underway for nearly a decade
 - (e) the Liberals' willingness to side with Greens to stop a major development in Tasmania.
- (3) Further recognises that constructing 2,000 new homes at Sandy Bay and a \$500 million STEM facility would create thousands of safe, secure, well-paid jobs, and hundreds of apprenticeships.
- (4) Strongly supports the University's City Move, which will lead to more housing, better educational facilities, a stronger CBD and more jobs. (30 July 2024)

28 Mr Winter to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the importance of honesty, transparency and accountability from Government Ministers.
- (2) Notes that:—
- (a) on 15 May 2024, the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP was asked whether the cost of the planned upgrades at Devonport Port, originally estimated at \$90 million, had “blown out to around \$350 million”;
 - (b) the question was taken on notice by the Premier; and
 - (c) the Leader of the House and Minister for Transport, Hon Eric Abetz MP later informed the House that he could “advise the House the answer is no.”
- (3) Further notes that on 25 June 2024:—
- (a) the Government admitted the cost of the upgrades was in fact \$375 million; and
 - (b) the Premier subsequently claimed, via a spokesperson, that he had not misled the House because “the revised estimate was not available” when Parliament was informed the cost was not approximately \$350 million.
- (4) Further notes that on 28 June 2024, TT-Line told the Public Accounts Committee that:—
- (a) the Government had been advised of the cost escalations in December 2023; and
 - (b) the Treasurer, Hon. Michael Ferguson MP wrote to TT-Line on 8 January 2024 approving a \$290 million increase in the company's borrowing limit, “noting the request is driven by increased cost estimates for the new terminal infrastructure in Devonport”.
- (5) Refers the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, and the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Eric Abetz MP, to the Privileges and Conduct Committee for misleading Parliament over the substantial cost escalations with the wharf upgrades at Devonport Port. (30 July 2024)

29 Ms Finlay to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that after 10 years of the Liberals:—
- (a) Tasmania does not have enough power, and is now regularly relying on gas and coal-fired power imported from the mainland;
 - (b) Tasmania has turned away at least a dozen major businesses seeking to invest in Tasmania because Hydro cannot supply them with power; and
 - (c) Tasmania's net zero status is at risk.
- (2) Notes:—
- (a) the announcement by the Federal Coalition of a policy to establish nuclear reactors across Australia; and

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- (b) that in announcing the policy the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Peter Dutton MP, attacked the installation of “industrial wind turbines” and “new transmission lines.”
- (3) Expresses its concern about the impact of the Coalition’s policy on the viability of:—
 - (a) Marinus Link:—
 - (b) the North West Transmission Development;
 - (c) pumped Hydro projects; and
 - (d) proposed windfarms at Robbins Island and Whaleback Ridge.
- (4) Calls on the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to put Tasmania’s interests ahead of the Liberal Party’s interests and formally request the Federal Coalition abandon its nuclear policy due the disastrous effect it would have on the construction of new windfarms, Tasmanian jobs, our economy, and our status as one of the only modern net zero economies in the world. (30 July 2024)

30 Mr O’Byrne to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that responsibility for the construction and management of social housing was put at arms’ length from Government in 2022 with the establishment of Homes Tasmania.
- (2) Recognises that during debate on the Homes Tasmania Bill 2022 Member for Franklin Mr David O’Byrne MP warned that a statutory authority was the wrong answer to Tasmania’s housing crisis, because it would give the Government less control over one of the State’s most pressing problems.
- (3) Acknowledges that since Homes Tasmania was established, housing and construction industry stakeholders have become increasingly concerned by the slow pace of social housing construction. This includes just six homes built on land released for urgent affordable housing and vacant blocks for sale being counted in the Government’s 10,000 homes target. All the while the public housing waiting list grows longer, with 4,709 applications on the housing register at June 2024.
- (4) Criticises the Homes Tasmania model as a failing experiment which, while being created with good intentions, is not working as intended, and is not delivering the level of housing construction needed to improve the dire lack of affordable housing.
- (5) Calls on the Government to urgently review Homes Tasmania with a view to bringing responsibility for social housing construction back into the heart of Government with oversight by Cabinet. (30 July 2024)

31 Ms Dow to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises the importance of honesty, transparency and accountability from Government Ministers.
- (2) Notes that on 1 December 2022, in relation to the contract for the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels, the Treasurer, Hon Michael Ferguson MP told a Parliamentary Committee the Government had “a fixed-price contract” in place and “there is not a view that the price has changed”.
- (3) Further notes:—
 - (a) the recent admission from TT-Line that in April 2022, approximately eight months prior to the Treasurer’s testimony, the price had in fact been increased by €8 million;
 - (b) the Treasurer had been advised of this price increase in a letter from TT-Line dated 25 April 2022; and
 - (c) the Treasurer has failed to correct the record or provide any explanation of his conduct.
- (4) Refers the Treasurer, the Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, to the Privileges and Conduct Committee for misleading Parliament in relation to the contract for the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels. (30 July 2024)

32 Dr Woodruff to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the peaceful protests by hundreds of thousands of people across Bangladesh against the reinstatement of politically biased quotas for government jobs.

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- (2) Acknowledges the appalling images and witness testimony of police vehicles being used to run down protestors, and allegations that government security forces have used live ammunition and extreme violence against peaceful civilians.
- (3) Recognises the government-sponsored violence in Bangladesh has reportedly caused the death of almost 200 citizens, and the arrest of at least 9000 others, simply for exercising their democratic right to peaceful protest.
- (4) Condemns the abuse of government power as a response to these protests, including the violence by police and security services, and the communications blackout that blocked internet access for 170 million Bangladeshis for over a week.
- (5) Further acknowledges the emotional impact on Tasmanian Bangladeshi residents who are witnessing this violence and unable to contact the people they love and others in their community due to the media blackout.
- (6) Calls on the Tasmanian Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP to make a representation to the Australian Prime Minister, Hon. Anthony Albanese MP asking him to support the international demands to condemn the extreme violence used, to uphold human rights in Bangladesh, and to ensure open communications in the country. (30 July 2024)

33 Mr Bayley to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Government's view, expressed in the opening paragraph on its consultation webpage that "The State Coastal Policy 1996 (SCP) is a critically important part of the State's Resource Management and Planning System (RMPS) and has served the State well in protecting the coast and providing for sustainable development...".
- (2) Further notes that during the appeal process for the Robbins Island wind farm development the Government has decided to legislate to retrospectively validate approval of developments that were approved despite contravening the State Coastal Policy, including the Robbins Island development.
- (3) Understands the Government has justified this legislation on the basis of 'advice' received in March 2024.
- (4) Acknowledges:—
 - (a) that this advice, or a detailed summary of this advice, has not been publicly released – despite its significant nature and obvious public interest; and
 - (b) that the Government's claim that existing coastal infrastructure will be at risk of legal challenge due to the implications of this advice has not been supported with evidence or examples.
- (5) Orders the Premier, Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, MP to table, at least 24 hours before the consultation period on the 'Validation (State Coastal Policy) Bill 2024' expires:—
 - (a) a copy of the advice being relied upon to justify retrospectively validating the approvals of developments, and subsequently amending the Tasmanian State Coastal Policy 1996; and
 - (b) a list of coastal infrastructure assets that have been identified as being at risk according to this advice. (30 July 2024)

34 Mr Willie to move—That the House:—

- (1) Recognises that after 10 years of the Liberals, Tasmania is in record debt, despite the State having zero net debt and more than \$200 million in the bank when the Liberals were first elected.
- (2) Expresses its concern that over the next four years, Tasmanian taxpayers will have to fund approximately \$1 billion in interest repayments on the Liberals' record debt.
- (3) Observes that a contributing factor to the Liberals' record debt is their inability to manage major infrastructure projects within budget, with recent examples including the Bridgewater Bridge (\$210 million), the upgrades to the Devonport Port (\$285 million) and the Spirit of Tasmania vessels (approximately \$100 million).
- (4) Notes these cost blowouts are not routinely disclosed to Parliament or to Tasmanians.
- (5) Orders the Minister for Infrastructure, the Hon. Michael Ferguson MP, to table an updated cost estimate for every infrastructure project in the Government's infrastructure pipeline by 5pm on 8 August 2024, and to do so every six months thereafter. (30 July 2024)

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- 35** Mr *Willie* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Government plans to implement a \$300 million “efficiency dividend” in the upcoming Budget.
 - (2) Acknowledges the significant concerns about the impact of the “efficiency dividend” on frontline health, education, police and other services.
 - (3) Expresses its view that the Tasmanian community and public sector workers deserve full transparency over the proposed Budget cuts.
 - (4) Orders the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, to table unredacted copies of all Agency Savings Strategies, including supporting information, by 7.30pm on 31 July 2024. (30 July 2024)
- 36** Mr *Willie* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes the Premier, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP’s clear and repeated commitment that he would not spend more than \$375 million of Tasmanian taxpayer money on the Macquarie Point stadium.
 - (2) Orders the Minister for Sport, the Hon. Nic Street MP, to provide the House with a breakdown of all expenditures to date, as well as committed expenditures, relating to the Macquarie Point stadium, by 5pm on Thursday 8 August 2024.
 - (3) Further orders the Minister for Sport and Events, to provide the House an updated version of the above information every three months until the project is completed. (30 July 2024)
- 37** Mr *Behrakis* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes that the July 2024 NAB Monthly Business Survey shows that the Tasmanian Liberal Government’s ‘2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania’s Future’ is working, with Tasmania recording the strongest business confidence and the most favourable business conditions in Australia.
 - (2) Further notes that the NAB report shows that Tasmania’s business conditions are by far superior to those in other states and nearly double the business environment in second-ranked Queensland.
 - (3) Recognises:—
 - (a) that the re-election of the Tasmanian Liberal Government has provided business and industry with renewed stability and confidence allowing them to invest and grow;
 - (b) that the ABS has released data that shows unemployment is at a record low of 3.8% in Tasmania.
 - (4) Agrees that Tasmania has come a long way since the dark days of the last Labor-Green Government which resulted in an economic recession, soaring unemployment and rock-bottom business confidence.
 - (5) Calls on the Leader of the Opposition, Hon Dean Winter MP and Tasmanian Labor to stop talking down the Tasmanian economy and instead outline an alternative Budget that supports Tasmanian businesses and industry. (30 July 2024)
- 38** Mrs *Pentland* to move—That the House:—
- (1) Notes:—
 - (a) that the Jacqui Lambie Network supports Tasmania’s regional residents, economies and businesses and the contribution of these to Tasmania; and
 - (b) the Jacqui Lambie Network is here to fight for our regional areas and strongly encourages the Government to focus on service delivery and policy which delivers in this area.
 - (2) Recognises the need to prioritise Tasmania’s regional areas and that:—
 - (a) current healthcare, fire, police and emergency services are not meeting the needs of regional and remote communities;
 - (b) remote areas have significant need for increased childcare to release the parental workforce to support economic growth and productivity, which means improved wage opportunity as well as access to housing and basic services;
 - (c) visitors to remote communities are a necessary support for economic diversity and sustainability, however they increase pressure on local service delivery

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- and increase costs to Local Councils which do not have the capacity to raise the revenue required to deliver; and
- (d) recent Government policy has given a very Hobart-Centric outlook to Tasmanians, despite over 50% of the population living outside of the Hobart area. (30 July 2024)

Orders of the Day

- 1** Acts Enumeration Amendment Bill (No. 1): Second reading. (The Premier)
- 2** Electoral Disclosure and Funding Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 9): Referred to Standing Committee on Government Administration B for inquiry and report by 10 September 2024.
- 3** Work Health and Safety Amendment (Industrial Manslaughter) Bill 2024 (No. 15): Second Reading (Mr *O'Byrne*)
- 4** Justice Miscellaneous (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2024 (No. 26): Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 30 July 2024 by the Minister for Justice – That the Bill be now read the Second time. (Next Speaker: Ms *White*)
- 5** Electoral Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 25): Second Reading (Minister for Justice)
- 6** Sentencing Amendment (Presumption of Mandatory Sentencing) Bill 2024 (No. 30): Second Reading (Minister for Justice)
- 7** Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2024 (No. 19): Second Reading (Minister for Justice)
- 8** Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 28): Second Reading (Minister for Justice)
- 9** University of Tasmania (Protection of Land) Bill 2024 (No. 31): Second Reading (Minister for the Arts)
- 10** Residential Tenancy Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 27): Second Reading (Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs)
- 11** Tasmanian Development Amendment Bill 2024 (No. 34): Second Reading (The Premier)

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2024

Orders of the Day

Government Administration Committee A reference on discrimination, prohibited conduct, unequal and disadvantageous treatment, bullying and harassment in Tasmanian schools: Report of Standing Committee to be brought up.

MONDAY, 31 MARCH 2025

Orders of the Day

Government Administration Committee B reference on the availability and efficiency of the assessment and treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and support services for adults and children with ADHD in Tasmania: Report of Standing Committee to be brought up.

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LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*

PAPERS ISSUED

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day No. 13.
Notices of Motion No. 10.
Notices of Question No. 4.
Votes and Proceedings No.

BILLS.

Read First Time

Bill No. 1. Acts Enumeration Amendment (*pro forma*).
Bill No. 34. Tasmanian Development Amendment.

Read First Time and ready for Second Reading

Bill No. 15. Work Health and Safety Amendment (Industrial Manslaughter).
Bill No. 19. Justice and Related Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments).
Bill No. 25. Electoral Amendment.
Bill No. 27. Residential Tenancy Amendment.
Bill No. 28. Evidence (Children and Special Witnesses) Amendment.
Bill No. 30. Sentencing Amendment (Presumption of Mandatory Sentencing).
Bill No. 31. University of Tasmania (Protection of Land).

Second Reading Debate Adjourned

Bill No. 26. Justice Miscellaneous (Commission of Inquiry).

Referred to Standing Committee

Bill No. 9. Electoral Disclosure and Funding Amendment.

Read Third Time and transmitted to L.C.

Bill No. 7. Sentencing Amendment (Alcohol Treatment Order).
Bill No. 8. State Litigator (Consequential Amendments).
Bill No. 10. Racing Regulation and Integrity.
Bill No. 11. Racing Regulation and Integrity (Consequential Amendments).
Bill No. 16. Police Offences Amendment (Begging Repeal).
Bill No. 17. Industrial Hemp Amendment.
Bill No. 18. Human Tissue Amendment.
Bill No. 20. Forestry (Miscellaneous Amendments).
Bill No. 21. Asbestos-Related Diseases (Occupational Exposure) Compensation Amendment.
Bill No. 22. Taxation Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments).
Bill No. 23. Sentencing Amendment (Presumptive Sentencing for Assaults on Frontline Workers).
Bill No. 24. Work Health and Safety Amendment (Safer Workplaces).

Agreed to by Both Houses

Bill No. 3. Appropriation (Further Supplementary Appropriation for 2023-24). (*Act No.1 of 2024*)
Bill No. 4. Supply (No. 1). (*Act No.2 of 2024*)
Bill No. 5. Supply (No. 2). (*Act No.3 of 2024*)
Bill No. 12. Surveyors Amendment. (*Act No.4 of 2024*)
Bill No. 13. Taxation Legislation (Affordable Housing and Employment Support). (*Act No.5 of 2024*)
Bill No. 14. Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor. (*Act No.6 of 2024*)

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STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Integrity: Mr *Jenner*; Ms *White*; and Mr *Wood*.

Public Accounts: Mr *Behrakis*; Mr *Shelton*; and Mr *Willie*.

Public Works: Ms *Burnet*; Ms *Butler*; and Mr *Wood*.

Subordinate Legislation: Ms *Burnet*; Ms *Brown*; and Mr *Fairs*.

Privileges and Conduct: The Speaker; the Chair of Committees; the Leader of the House; Dr *Broad*; Ms *Rosol*; and Ms *White*.

Standing Orders: The Speaker; the Chair of Committees; the Leader of the House; Mr *Bayley*; Mr *Behrakis*; Dr *Broad*; and Ms *Dow*.

Government Administration A: Ms *Badger*; Mrs *Beswick*; Ms *Dow*; Mr *Fairs*; Mr *O'Byrne*; Mr *Shelton*; and Mr *Willie*.

Government Administration B: Mr *Behrakis*; Ms *Johnston*; Mrs *Pentland*; Ms *Rosol*; Ms *White*; Mr *Winter*; and Mr *Wood*.

JOINT COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Library: The Speaker; the Chair of Committees; Ms *Brown*; Mr *Fairs*; Mr *Jenner*; and Mr *Shelton*.

House: The Speaker; the Chair of Committees; and Ms *Johnston*.

Workplace Culture Oversight: The Premier; the Speaker, Mrs *Pentland*; and Dr *Woodruff*.

Gender and Equality: Mrs *Beswick*; Ms *Brown*; Mrs *Petrusma*; and Ms *Rosol*.

Energy Matters: Mr *Bayley*; Ms *Finlay*; Mr *Garland*; and Mr *Shelton*.

Recommendations of Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry: Mrs *Pentland*; Mrs *Petrusma*; Ms *Rosol*; and Ms *White*.

Electoral Matters: Mr *Bayley*; Mr *Wood*; Ms *White*; and Ms *Johnston*.

SELECT COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Transfer of Care Delays: Mr *Behrakis*; Ms *Dow*; Ms *Haddad*; Ms *Johnston*; Mr *Wood*; and Dr *Woodruff*.